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A Dedication

GREGORY COUNTY

With the observance of its Golden Jubilee, Gregory County, an integral part of the "Rosebud" commemorates fifty years of progress. Perhaps no part of South Dakota has a more interesting history, including the occupation of Fort Randall, by Army troops, the struggles of the early settlers attempting to carve homes and farms out of this area and the "boom" period, which followed. This fifty year span was not unmarked by difficulties, however, and one familiar with its saga cannot help but marvel at the courage, patience, and hope of the first residents, who survived crop failures, and inflationary prices, and later the ravages of drouth and grasshoppers, to steadily continue its development.

To those early pioneers, many of whom are still residents, and who have left visible, and tangible evidence of their efforts, this production is respectfully dedicated.

Martin Wesselman

The

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History of Gregory County

Gregory County derives its name from C. H. Gregory, a colonel in the United States Army stationed at Fort Randall in the sixties, but it wasn't until 1889 that an Act of Congress divided the reservation lands of the Sioux Nation of Indians in Dakota territory into separate reservations and set aside certain areas for public domain. In 1890 President Harrison proclaimed seven townships east of range 69 open for settlement and entry under the homestead law. In 1893 the Fort Randall military reservation was added to this domain.

The area was 50 miles from a railroad and settlement was slow but the influx was steady and the homeseekers brave and ambitious. Soon the prairies were dotted with sod houses, but these "soddies" were homes and from such sturdy foundations have sprung the farms, the schools, the churches and the villages that make up Gregory County today.

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An early attempt to organize the county was defeated but after the survey and filing the fight was renewed and Governor Lee called a special election for August 23, 1898. Party lines were forgotten in the bitter fight for county seat honors with Fairfax edging out Bonesteel by 17 votes.

The first county officers included Chas. F. Turney, Treasurer; David Taylor, Clerk of Courts; C. O. Larson, Auditor; Frank Viktōra, Register of Deeds; Ed Faust, Sheriff; Edwin M. Starcher, Judge; Fannie Sproul, Superintendent of Schools, and Commissioners A. B. Havens, A. A. Nelson and Jacob Bentz. The first warrant drawn was issued in favor of A. B. Havens for Commissioner fees and per

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diem in the sum of \$18.00, dated October 8, 1889. First land patent was filed by W. B. Jones. First warranty deed on record was John Hoffman and wife, grantors to German Congregational for a lot in Fairfax. First bank was established by C. A. Johnson at Fairfax. the first newspaper, too, was founded there with Mrs. M. Baumgartner as editor. Sam Lindley was the first legislative representative to Pierre.

As early as 1906 an effort was made to move the county seat farther west, with Herrick as the most likely contender, but the effort failed. In 1916 the matter was again brought up and after one of the bitterest fights in the county's history the seat was moved to Burke. In the attempt to wrest control of records from Fairfax many were lost or misplaced and years of search and inquiry have been needed to bring them to their present orderly condition.

History refers to points along the Missouri in Gregory County as early as 1743. The history of Lewis and Clark mentions a stop at what is probably Scalp Creek to examine a prairie dog town. Handy's point near Fort Randall was a notable point to early river travellers.

The westward march of settlers followed the land openings and the railroad and their progress will be noted in the brief histories of the various towns that make up Gregory County.

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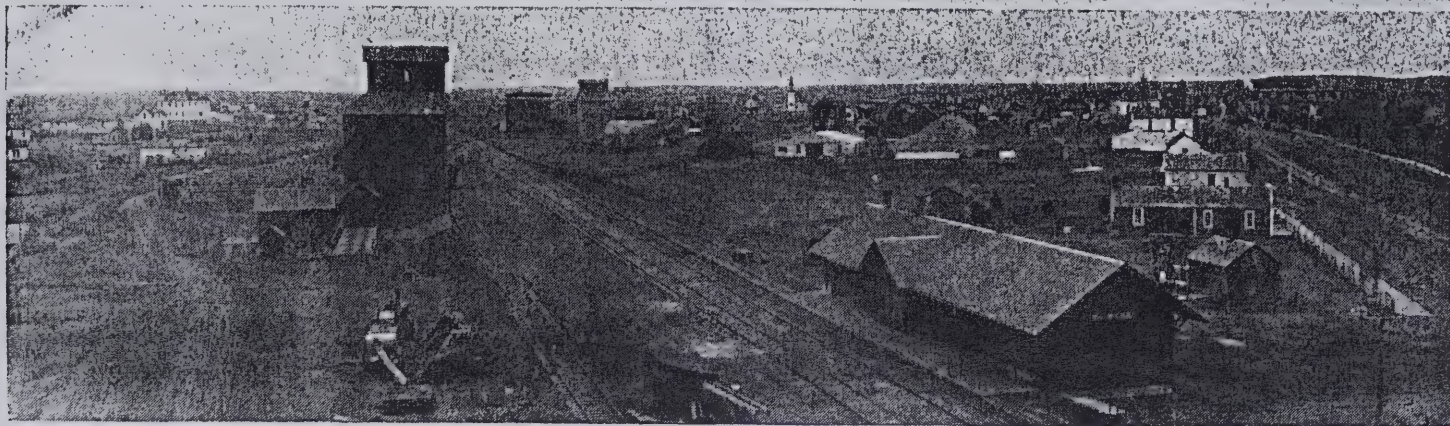
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Fairfax, established in 1892 holds the unique honor of being the oldest town in the county. Its beginning came about something in this fashion. A few farmers living 10 miles north of Butte, Nebraska, dissatisfied with the inconvenience of the long trip to town, discussed the advisability of founding a new town and picked the present site as most desirable. Among these men were D. M. Turney, James Parshall, W. S. Bush, J. W. Sproul, Add Monroe and A. A. Allen. In the Spring of 1892,

(March 3rd), in company with J. B. Hart and P. W. Murphy, of Nebraska, lots were staked out and claimed in the present town site. The news spread quickly and by night a dozen or more, in addition to those already named had arrived on the scene and staked lots. Within a week lumber began to arrive and the first town in the county was on the way. The first building erected was Murphy's hardware store. It stood on the corner occupied by the beautiful stone building built by the Gregory County

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Lack of a railroad slowed the growth of the new town but in 1896 the land was surveyed and homestead filings were begun. Now arose the question of county organization and after some contention the organization was effected and the county seat was located in Fairfax.

In 1902 the Fremont, Elkhorn and Missouri Valley railroad, (Now the Chicago and Northwestern) extended its Verdigris branch to Fairfax and beyond. This brought an era of prosperity to the new town which soon boasted 4 general stores, 2 banks, 2 millinery stores, a drug store, 2 hardwares, 2 newspapers, 2 implement houses, 4 lumber yards, 2 meat markets, 2 barber shops, 2 harness shops, 2 livery barns, 2 blacksmith shops, 1 shoe shop, 2 hotels, 3 restaurants, and a 75 barrel flour mill.

With the railroad moving westward, the population followed and in 1917 after a bitter struggle the county seat was removed to Burke and the glory that once was Fairfax's began to wane. The depression, the grasshoppers, fire, and dry years took their toll of this valiant little city. Two world wars tested the courage of its citizens but somehow they carried on and today, with the construction of the 75 million dollar Fort Randall dam well under way 19 miles to the east, Fairfax again turns its collective face toward a bright and rosy future.

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To Bonesteel goes the honor of being the "Host City" to Gregory County's Golden Jubilee. The city was founded shortly after Fairfax, in 1892 and held the distinction of being the terminal for the Chicago and Northwestern Railway, the longest of any town in the county. The name originated from a merchant, H. E. Bonesteel, who later moved to Niobrara and early records state that it became by far the best known name of any among the Rosebud towns. It is now heralded as "The Gateway to the Rosebud" by reason of its important location.

Perhaps one of the most interesting chapters in its history occurred at the time of the "Opening" when the great influx of settlers raised its population to 7,000 or more people. This included a huge lawless element, the greater portion of which were gamblers. Conditions became so bad that the citizens of the town banded together and bodily drove them from the community.

After the railroad was built on to Dallas in 1907, Bonesteel's boom days were over, but the businessmen who remained staked their futures on the progressive settlers and the rich farm land surrounding. The building of the Rosebud Bridge in 1925 and the routing of the highway past Bonesteel, combined with the automotive area of transportation, were productive of a steady growth in the "Gateway city."



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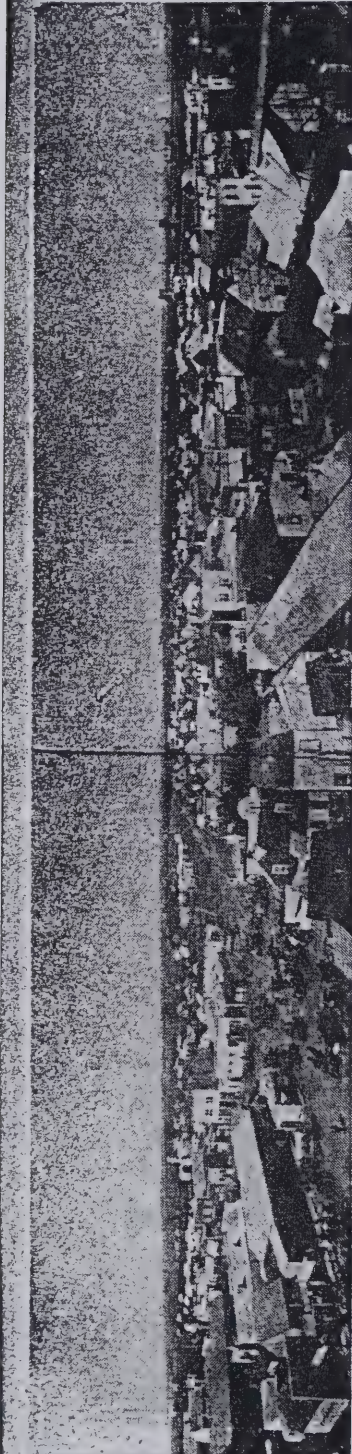
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Three new business buildings having a 90 foot frontage on main street were recently completed. A flood lighted baseball field, one of the first in the county, was opened to the public in May of this year and affords recreation and entertainment to the entire community. Bonesteel's mail and transportation service is excellent, being the terminal for three bus lines in addition to one passenger train daily.

A weekly cartoon in one of the state's leading daily papers, the Mitchell Daily Republic, is the work of Bill McDonald, 16-year-old Bonesteel artist. His cartoons cover subjects of interest to South Dakotans.

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While its growth was never spectacular, neither was its decline disastrous, and today one can usually find a few cars parked in front of its general store, truck loads of grain pulling into the elevator or a tourist having his car serviced at its corner service station.

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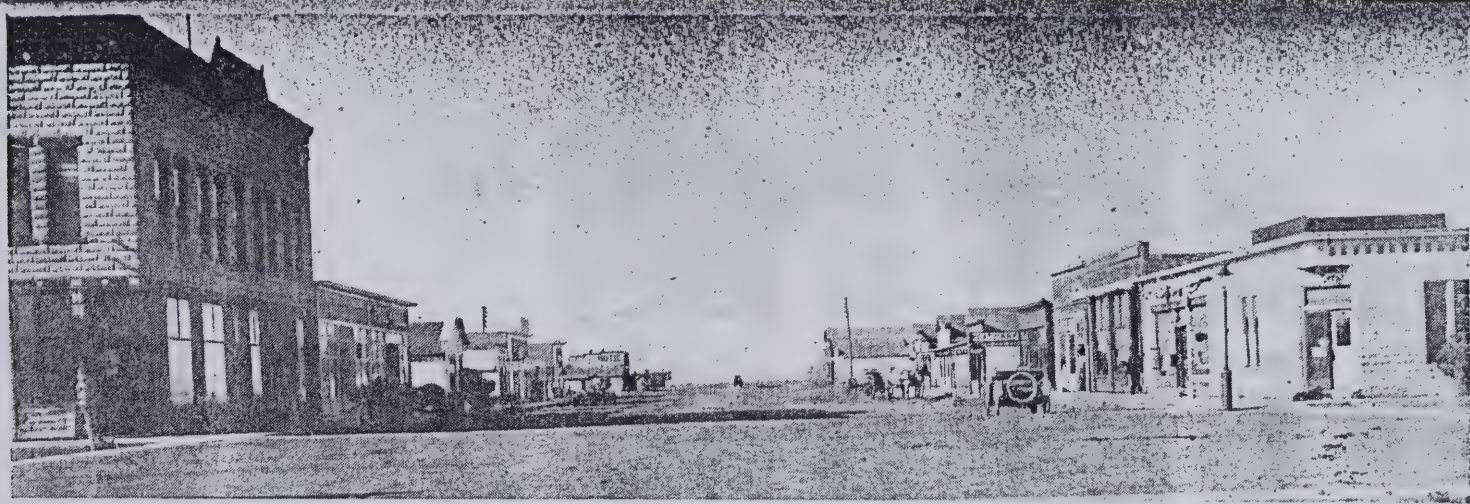
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Herrick, known in years past as "The Golden City", is the most centrally located of any of Gregory County's towns and boasts of the largest acreage of productive and tillable soil in its immediate vicinity than any of its sister cities.

Herrick was named for Samuel Herrick, a prominent attorney of Washington, D. C., who assisted in its organization. The town site was designated by the Department of Interior and under the law

settlement of town sites in the area could begin at 9:00 a. m. Monday, August 8, 1904, the hour set for the filing. All that was necessary to acquire this property was to enter upon and occupy it and later improve it according to law.

Many disappointed home seekers at the Bone-steel drawing headed west and by Saturday night about 50 people were camped on land adjoining the townsite. Early Sunday morning one camper

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pulled stakes" and quietly moved to the center of the townsite. Immediately the others followed, not to make settlement but to prevent the first camp from "soonering" the townsite. The first camp was firm in its position and continued fencing and improving the lots and convinced the others that a duplication of surveys make their position lawful. Soon the main business lots were occupied. By nightfall hundreds of people had arrived but the excitement really began Monday morning at the appointed hour for occupation. Late comers believed that all would be ordered off the site and at 9 o'clock a run would be made for the lots. Those in possession did not abandon their holdings. When the time came thousands of people thronged the townsite. Some staked unoccupied claims and others tried to dislodge the "sooners". The sooners stuck, however, and later in the day formed a "lot owners" association with "Oklahoma grafters" reaping the harvest of fees. The rush continued for several days and although feeling ran high bloodshed was averted. Building and business operations began at once. Order was established and the grafters moved on to more fertile fields.

With the coming of the railroad a few years later, Herrick, the terminal for one year, settled down to an era of growth and prosperity. The checkerboard arrangement of its streets, its good cement walks, cross walks, combined with the trees and shrubs set out by the citizens made it one of the most beautiful cities in the Rosebud.

Failure of the fight to bring the court house to Herrick, coupled with the dry years, low prices and general times saw the slow decline of this once promising village.

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8:00 p. m. Historical Pageant
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- 1:30 p. m. Parade—Starting Point, northeast corner of city park.
Pause for panorama picture
- 2:00 p. m. Art B. Thomas—Free Show—Bonesteel Main Street
- 2:30 p. m. Ball Game—Bonesteel Ball Park
Fairfax vs. Herrick
- 5:00 p. m. Indian Dance—Main Street
- 5:50 p. m. Band Concert—Gregory Band
- 6:00 p. m. Indian Barbecue
- 7:00 p. m. Art B. Thomas Free Act
- 8:00 p. m. Historical Pageant
- 9:15 p. m. Baseball Game—Butte vs. Bonesteel
- 11:00 p. m. Musical Entertainment
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2:30 p. m. Baseball Game—Burke vs. Lucas
5:30 p. m. Band Concert
6:00 p. m. Indian Dance
7:00 p. m. Art. B. Thomas Free Acts
8:00 p. m. Pageant
8:30 p. m. Ball Game—Gregory Merchants vs. Bonesteel
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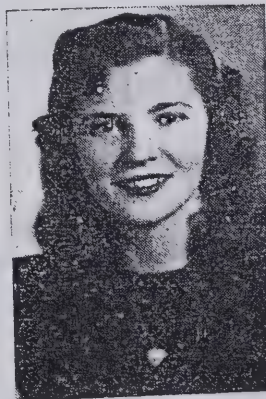
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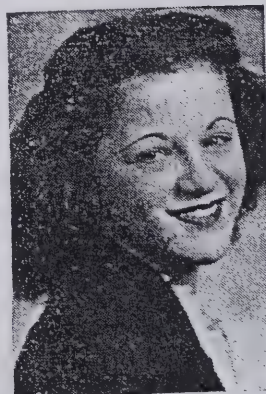
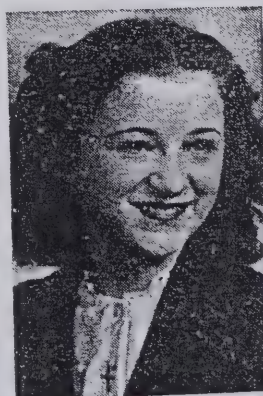
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This made for a slow steady growth that paid dividends in 1916 when the long hard fight to remove the court house to a more central location resulted in the establishment of the county seat at Burke.

In 1934 a fine three-story brick court house was completed to replace the old Burke school building which had been used as the court house since the removal of the county seat from Fairfax. In addition to regular county offices this building now houses the Triple A Office, County Agriculture Agent's Office, Social Security, Farm



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1948 finds Burke continuing its steady growth. A new high school building was constructed in 1937 and just recently a completely modern, sanitary sewer system was completed. A year ago land was acquired for an airport and plans will presently be completed for construction and improvements to bring it within the requirements of the C.A.A. The total number of homes in Burke have increased 57 in the past 5 years, some new and some moved in from other areas. Several new buildings have sprung up along main street and many not so new have been modernized. Your County Seat is a good place to trade and a good place in which to live.

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Gregory

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Gregory was one of the original government townsites established at the opening for settlement of that part of the Rosebud Indian reservation lying in Gregory County on August 4, 1904. From the start Gregory gave promise of being an aggressive city. It took the lead in competition with the other towns on the newly opened territory and today is the metropolis of the county. It never has experienced a boom, but through the 44 years of its existence has enjoyed a healthy steady growth.

An important factor in the development of this territory was the coming of the railroad, the first regular passenger train of the Chicago & Northwestern extension from Bonesteel pulled into Gregory on June 16, 1907. Gregory citizens took an active part in bringing the railroad into this new territory, and the Gregory Commercial club aided the townships in building roads leading to Gregory.

One of the interesting chapters in the early history of Gregory was the fight for the location of the United States Land Office. The public lands in the Chamberlain and Mitchell districts had become

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The first federal census of the town, in 1910 listed the population of Gregory 1,287 and at that time the deposits in its two banks were well over the half million mark.

Probably the greatest factor in making Gregory the thriving city it is today is the fact that Gregory is a city with a heart. The merchants, the professional people and the citizens generally have taken a keen interest, not only in those things that make for better citizenship, but also for those living in the surrounding territory. Its commercial club, its churches, its schools and other civic organizations have put forth every effort to make Gregory a place where people like to come to trade, to attend church, to send their children

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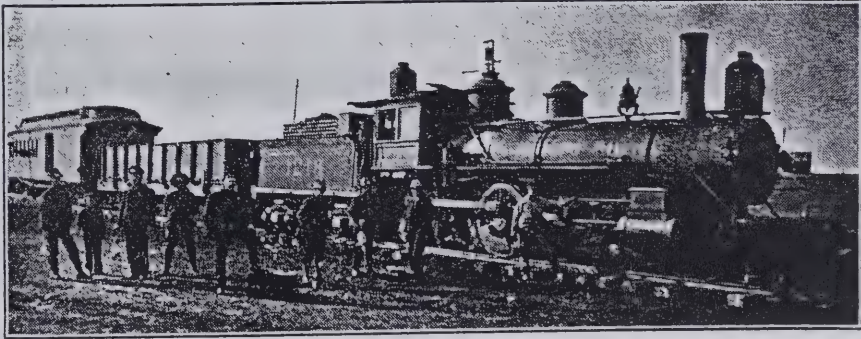
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to school and enjoy the recreational advantages offered by the city park with its lighted baseball diamond.

Another important factor in the development of Gregory has been the fact that it was started on a solid and firm economic foundation, that of keeping out of debt as far as possible, not building to excess of needs, not building just for the present, but for the substantial growth of the future. This policy brought an economic administration in civic affairs, that has meant much to the tax payers, and encouraged people to locate in Gregory, not only for business purposes, but for home building.

From a raw half section of land on August 4, 1904, Gregory has developed into a thriving city of 1,800 people. Its public improvements include a 40-acre recreational park, over a half mile of paving on Main street from the depot to its intersection on Eighth street; all the other streets are well gravelled streets, lined with beautiful shade trees; other public improvements are its water and sewage system, a fire proof city hall, modern fire fighting equipment and a federal approved airport in the course of construction.

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In August of that same year the railroad was completed to Dallas and the first train into town was heralded with a banquet, speeches and singing.

For several years Dallas was the end of the "line", and through her portals poured the household goods, livestock, machinery, lumber and things necessary for the settlement of Tripp county but recently opened to homeseekers. Dallas was chief registration point for Tripp and Mellette county and the official drawing for the Tripp and Mellette county land was held there.

The growth of Dallas was magical. In 5 years corn fields became city streets with water mains, electric lights and cement sidewalks. Sod shanties were replaced with a \$30,000 tile brick school house. By 1913 Dallas boasted a population of 1,500, the largest town in the Rosebud, with a second class post office, a Western Union up-town office, an ice cream

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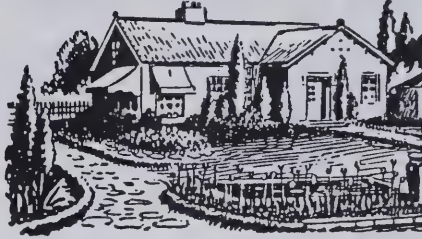
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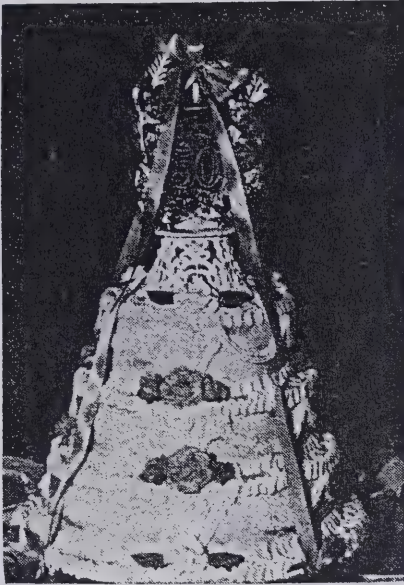


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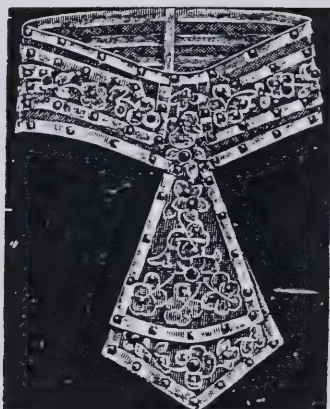
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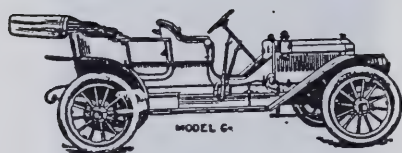
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Fifty years that made it great
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What he's done for you and me
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Let us think of those who struggled,
In those fifty years that passed,
Years of toil and years of hardship,
What they started, now must last,
But the future lies before us
And must even greater be
Let us now all pull together
On our Golden Jubilee.

Let our course be ever onward
We have still great things to do
Let each one now do his duty
And not leave it to a few
For if we but work together
I am sure you will agree
That our county will be better
On our next great Jubilee.

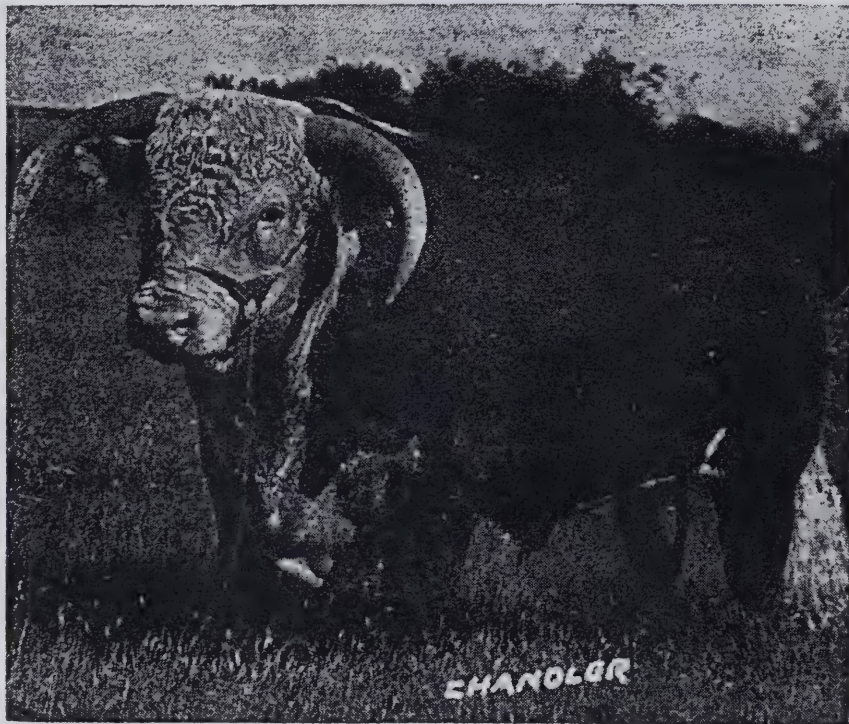
Let us not forget the soldiers
Those who fought, and those who died,
Were it not for those who suffered
We'd not be here, side by side
Were our land not so defended
Were we forded, our homes to flee;
We would not be proudly saying
"It's our Golden Jubilee".

So we ask "All come and join us"
From the east and from the west
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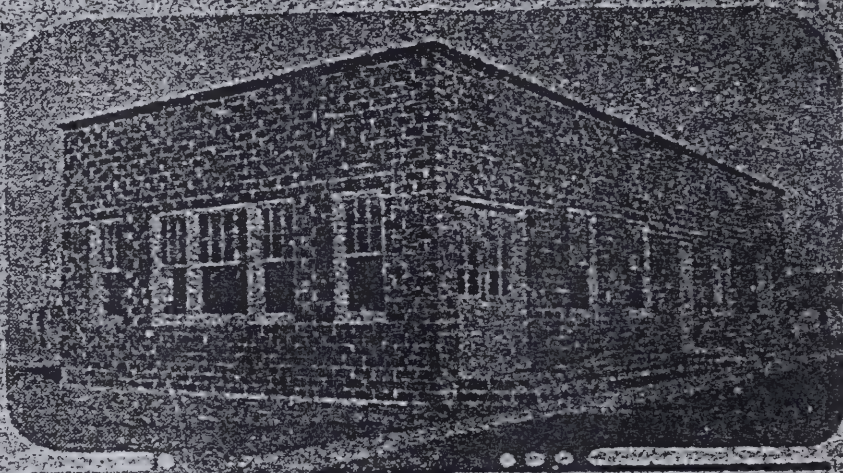
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